

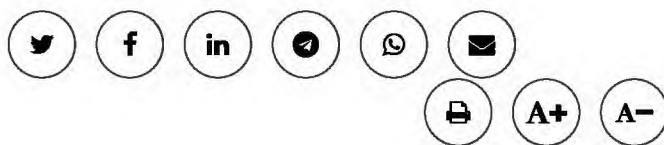
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# Vande Bharat Mission: Major airports and ports in India gear up to receive stranded Indians abroad

*Air India's flight number IX 452 with 200 passengers on board from Abu Dhabi, as part of the 10 flights on the day-1 evacuation, is expected to reach Cochin International airport in Kerala on Thursday at 9.40 pm. Two naval ships – INS Jalaswha and INS Magar – with 1,000 passengers from Maldives will reach Cochin port on Friday.*

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Amid strict health protocols and high alert, several airports and ports in India are geared up to receive standard Indians abroad on Thursday, beginning the country's biggest evacuation exercise by air and sea.

As part of the [Vande Bharat Mission](#) (VBM) and [Samudra Setu](#), adequate arrangements have been made at several airports and ports to receive the returning expatriates and they will be quarantined as per the standard operating protocols (SoPs) and guidelines, issued by the concerned authorities.

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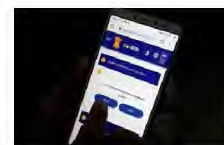


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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, [Ministry of Civil Aviation](#) (MoCA), and [Ministry of Home Affairs](#) (MHA) are coordinating with the respective State governments. As part of the evacuation measures, the office of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in touch with Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Delhi and others and is guiding them.

Similarly, state governments held review



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and-post evacuation plans in their states respectively. In Telangana, its chief secretary Somesh Kumar held a review meeting on arrangements for the arrival of the state's natives. At least seven flights from six countries with about 2,300 passengers are expected to reach Hyderabad as part of the evacuation plan.

At least 10 flights are planned on the first day from various destinations abroad. Besides Cochin, the other cities where the flights are scheduled to land on Thursday are Kozhikode in Kerala, Mumbai in Maharashtra, Hyderabad in Telangana, Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi, the capital of India.

From the Gulf countries to Malaysia and the UK to the USA, the multi-agency operation christened 'Vande Bharat Mission' will see the state-owned Air India Express operate as many as 64 flights between May 7 and 13, 2020 in the first phase to ferry around 15,000 Indian nationals from 12 countries. Private Indian airlines are likely to join the repatriation effort after May 13, 2020.



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### Samudra Setu

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According to official communication, at least 1,000 or more people are expected to be evacuated in the first ship in naval ships, INS Jalaswha and INS Magar. The evacuated passengers are expected to reach Cochin port on Friday.

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The pilots and the cabin crew of the first batch of Air India Express evacuation flight were imparted training on handling of in-flight operations at the time of the covid-19 pandemic. Doctors and nurses of a government medical college (GMC) hospital in Cochin along with experts in handling covid-19 patients briefed the 12 airline staff including four pilots.

The pilots and cabin crew were provided training on donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) suits, infection control practices to be followed in-flight and also the management of anticipated health emergencies during the flight, hospital authorities said here. A practical demonstration of both donning and doffing of PPE suits according to the protocol was also given to the crew.

As per the Government of India's guidelines and SOPs, all the evacuated passengers will have to undergo 13 days institutional quarantine.

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